

gospels remained
 scattered until 2nd
 half of 2nd century.

Names suddenly appear
 about 180 A.D. By then there
 were lots of gospels - not
 just 4
 some left out (apocryphal)
 Gospel of the Egyptians. When I were

written after 180.

Two were relatively early
Gospel of James & Gospel of
Thomas.

These gospels are legendary
and mythological

17 Mar 180

Marcus Aurelius died near
SIMILM. Buried in Mausoleum of
Hadrian.

22 Oct 180

Commodus had a triumphal
procession. He showed great fondness
for a certain SAOTERUS, seating him
in the imperial chariot and kissing
him from time to time during
the proceedings. SAOTERUS became Chamberlain
to Commodus, and was first of a whole
series of powerful officials who were
effectively to run the empire on his
behalf.

180

DURANT

Death of Marcus Aurelius

180-192

DURANT

Principate of Commodus

180-192 AD

Commodus was emperor

17 Mar.

180 → 192

Jan 161 died 192
died last day of 192

COMMODOUS Son of Marcus Aurelius
Started 17 Mar 180

After 13 years Commodus reached
the end of his reign and SEVERUS
took office as Emperor; Pertinax
having occupied the position
for less than 6 mos following
the death of Commodus.

C180 SW.

Rotary fan invented - China.

180AD

COMMODUS was Emperor succeeded
Marcus Aurelius
HE WAS MURDERED.

192AD

180 AD - 192 AD

Commodus; son of Marcus Aurelius; accord between senate and 'princeps' breaks down.

the age of the Praetorians was now at hand, when the purple was a gift of the capital soldiers.

For the first two centuries the task of the legions was an easy one, but in the reign of the peaceful MARCUS AURELIUS the torrent of barbarian invasion began again to beat upon the ramparts of civilization. The Moorish tribes were on the move in Africa; the Parthians, whom TRAJAN had humbled, again menaced the Euphrates; and Tartars, S. Slavs, Franks, and Germans burst upon the Danube. Aurelius gave the years of his reign to campaigns on the

and SPARTHA.

Claudius II and Aurelian, however, restored the old frontiers, except for Dacia, and chastised the barbarians on all sides. The worst of the evil was confined to the middle third of the century; but a fatal blow had been struck at the military frame of Rome.

180-192

COMMODUS

The "five good emperors" end with Marcus Aurelius. His son, Commodus, was an infamous wretch who repeated the crimes and follies of the worst of his predecessors. He was finally murdered by his officers.